

the problems of the District of Columbia. I also agree that much work needs to be done in further crafting this bill as it goes through the legislative process to ensure that concerns about loopholes and unintended benefits are met. And, I also completely agree that the citizens of the District of Columbia must hold its elected leaders accountable for waste and mismanagement.

It is important, however, that the general concepts of this bill are put before the Congress. This bill is certainly not set in stone, and I would anticipate that many Members of Congress and outside groups will have a number of good ideas on how it can be improved. My goal is that Congress start taking a serious look at ways to solve the problems of our Nation's capital. One of these ways must include expanding the local economy and, therefore, the local tax base. And, serious problems often require bold solutions.

Washington, DC is the capital of the United States of America. Every day there are buses of people who come to view the monuments, study the historical treasures, and participate in their Federal Government. Every day there are people from foreign nations who may get their first and, in some cases, only taste of America from visiting our capital. Unfortunately, a city rife with pot holes, dilapidated police cars, and drug dealers and prostitutes openly offering their wares is not the impression of our country most Americans wish to leave with visitors from foreign countries, let alone tolerate themselves.

I quote Washington Post columnist James Glassman when I say that it is time to act courageously and adopt a proposal that could help save this city. I urge my colleagues to become actively involved in the debate and in searching for ways to revitalize and reinvigorate a city that is as important to Floridians as it is to Utahns, as important to Californians as to Pennsylvanians.

I urge my colleagues to join us in this bold effort to jump start both the economy and civic pride of the District of Columbia.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 684

At the request of Mr. HATFIELD, the names of the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] and the Senator from Georgia [Mr. NUNN] were added as cosponsors of S. 684, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for programs of research regarding Parkinson's disease, and for other purposes.

S. 864

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Arkansas [Mr. PRYOR] was added as a cosponsor of S. 864, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for increased medicare reimbursement for nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists to increase the delivery of health services in health professional shortage areas, and for other purposes.

S. 949

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Wyoming [Mr. SIMPSON] was added as a cosponsor of S. 949, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the death of George Washington.

S. 1675

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Iowa [Mr. HARKIN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1675, a bill to provide for the nationwide tracking of convicted sexual predators, and for other purposes.

S. 1965

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota [Mr. DASCHLE] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1965, a bill to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine.

SENATE RESOLUTION 282 RELATIVE TO THE DAY OF NATIONAL CONCERN ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND GUN VIOLENCE

Mr. BRADLEY (for himself, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. FRIST, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BIDEN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. REID, Mr. SIMON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. DODD, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. COATS, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. ROTH, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. KERRY, Mr. COHEN, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mr. GORTON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. ROBB, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MACK, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HEFLIN, Mrs. FRAHM, Mr. EXON, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. FORD, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BYRD, Mr. GREGG, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. HATFIELD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. KERREY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. NUNN, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, and Mr. PELL) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 282

Whereas violent crime among juveniles in American society has dramatically escalated in recent years;

Whereas between 1989 and 1994, juvenile arrest rates for murder in this country skyrocketed 42 percent;

Whereas in 1993, more than 10 children were murdered each day in America;

Whereas America's young people are this country's most important resource, and Americans have a vested interest in helping children survive, free from fear and violence, to become healthy adults;

Whereas America's young people can, by taking individual and collective responsibility for their own decisions and actions, help

chart a new and less violent direction for the entire country;

Whereas American school children will be invited to participate in a national observance involving millions of their fellow students and will thereby be empowered to see themselves as the agents of positive social change; and

Whereas this observance will give American school children the opportunity to make a solemn decision about their future and control their destiny by voluntarily signing a pledge promising that they will never take a gun to school, will never use a gun to resolve a dispute, and will use their influence to prevent friends from using guns to settle disputes: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate designates October 10, 1996, as the "Day of National Concern About Young People and Gun Violence". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the school children of the United States to observe such day with appropriate activities.

Mr. BRADLEY. Mr. President, I rise today, along with my colleagues, Senator SPECTER and Senator WELLSTONE, who initially joined me to serve as original cosponsors, to submit a resolution designating October 10, 1996, as a day of national concern about young people and gun violence.

This resolution has enjoyed broad bipartisan support over the last several days. I have been asking other Members of the Senate if they would like to join as original cosponsors of this resolution. As of today, the date of its introduction, there are 81 additional cosponsors of this resolution to declare October 10 as a national day of concern about young people and gun violence.

Mr. President, we are in a crisis in this country. America is losing a generation of young people to crime and violence. Last July, Cindy Villalba, a 20-year-old Rutgers University student, was slain in Paterson, NJ, when a bullet from a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol careened into her chest. The assailant, Corie Miller, was 17 years old.

The murder was a senseless tragedy. Ms. Villalba was sitting in a car talking to a friend, Julissa Vargas. Miller, along with two other teenagers, aged 19 and 18, approached the vehicle and demanded money. When the two women insisted they did not have any money and began screaming, Miller cocked the pistol and struck Vargas in the back of the head. The pistol then discharged, and a bullet struck Villalba in the chest, killing her instantly. Villalba, a catechism teacher at St. John the Baptist Cathedral, had just returned from Costa Rica, where she was teaching English to schoolchildren as a part of a Rutgers University program.

A few months after the murder of Ms. Villalba, Desmond Carberry, then 12 years old, took a loaded gun and pointed it at his 10-year-old neighborhood playmate's head. He squeezed the trigger, killing Noel DaRocha. The children were playing unsupervised with a .22-caliber handgun at a third friend's house in Berkeley Township, NJ, on a day when school was let out early because of teacher conferences. They had